

Supplementary Council Agenda



Epping Forest District Council

Council Tuesday, 14th February, 2012

Place: Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Room: Council Chamber

Time: 7.30 pm

Committee Secretary: Council Secretary: Ian Willett
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10. REPORTS OF THE CABINET (Pages 3 - 4)

To consider the attached supplementary report in relation to Budgets and Council Tax Declaration - 2012/13.

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Committee: Cabinet

Date: 14 February 2012

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gagan Mohindra

BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX DECLARATION 2012/13 – ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION

The Portfolio Holder will seek leave of the Council to move the following additional recommendation:

“(12) That in accordance with section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Council determines that the amount of Council Tax shown at (9) (f) of £148.77 for 2012/13, being unchanged from 2011/12 is not excessive and therefore there is no need to hold a local referendum”.

Additional Report

Schedule 5 of the Localism Act 2011 introduced a new Chapter into the 1992 Local Government Finance Act, making provision for Council Tax referendums to be held if an Authority increases its Council Tax by an amount exceeding principles determined by the Secretary of State and agreed by Parliament. In a statement on 8 December 2011 the Secretary of State announced his thoughts on what he would consider an excessive rise in Council Tax. The principles that he is minded to set are that authorities will be required to seek the approval of their local electorate in a referendum if, compared with 2011/12, they set Council Tax increases that exceed:

- 4% for the Greater London Authority, police authorities and single purpose fire and rescue authorities;
- 3.5% for other principal authorities.

Epping Forest District Council is classified as a principal authority and the parameters set out above have now been finally confirmed. It should be noted that Town and Parish Councils will not be subject to these restrictions in the coming year.

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